

From: Brian Humble
To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing to oppose the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that these state attorneys general have decided to let Microsoft win the case.

The settlement is only favorable to Microsoft. It will only allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs but will still give Microsoft more services and products to choose from.

As you are well aware, members of Citizens for a Sound Economy have been unrelenting in their opposition to the federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft. For nearly 3 years, activists like these have called, emailed, visited, and sent letters to the U.S. Department of Justice and to state attorneys' general offices explaining that Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but have not provided any proof to that effect.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to not settle this fortunate lawsuit against an oppressive and monopolistic company.

Respectfully,

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